

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 9, 2014
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *FY 2014/15 Budget and CIP* – The Town Clerk's Office did not receive a petition to bring the FY 2014/15 Budget and CIP adopted at the Town Meeting to referendum. As discussed, staff will present the Finance Committee with suggested use for the additional state revenue we will receive for the next fiscal year. I would like to thank the staff and the Council for your assistance with the development and review of the budget; I recognize that it is a long process and appreciate everyone's time and energy.
- *New Town Attorney* – I have introduced new Town Attorney Kevin Deneen to the staff and we have provided him with an update on all outstanding legal issues. Attorney Deneen has also met with Attorney O'Brien to transfer files and to discuss pending matters. The staff has now consulted with Kevin on a few issues, and we have been favorably impressed with his response time and the quality of his work.
- *Transfer Station Tour* – As you will recall, staff had presented a recommendation with my Proposed FY 2014/15 Budget to hire a part-time attendant for the swap shop at Mansfield Transfer Station. The Council declined to approve the request, citing, among other issues, the need for more information regarding the operations of the transfer station. To provide the Town Council with more background information, the staff and I would like to provide the Council with a tour of the facility. During the tour we can discuss recent procedures and protocols we have made to enhance operations and program revenue, and the use of the swap shop. We could provide the tour at 6:00PM on June 23, in advance of your regular meeting on that day, or at another time that is convenient.

Major Projects

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Construction activities in Mansfield this week include surveying in the vicinity of Hawthorne Lane and Bassetts Bridge Road, the installation of foundations in the vicinity of Hawthorne Lane, surveying and installation of access roads and construction pads in the vicinity of Highland Road, Crane Hill Road, Stearns Road and Mansfield City Road, and the clearing of vegetation in the right of way in the vicinity of Mansfield City Road and Storrs Road (Rte. 195). Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.
- *Storrs Center* - On June 5, Price Chopper held a preview party for the public for its new store. Price Chopper provided samples and collected donations of just under \$7,000 for the EO Smith Foundation, My Brother's Keeper Food Pantry, and the UConn Extension 4-H Program. This includes a 1:1 match by Price Chopper and match of up to \$2,500 from Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance. The next day, Price Chopper held its grand opening featuring a flag-raising and ribbon cutting.

Upcoming Events

- *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* – The Town will hold its annual *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The event features a 5-mile Family Fun Ride, a 20-mile and 40-mile ride, and a free bike rodeo for kids. Rides begin and end at the Mansfield Community Center and lunch is included for all registered riders. Pre-registration by June 13th is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Registration on June 14th costs an additional \$5. Children under 18 years of age ride free. For more information, please call 860-429-3015.
- *Square Fair* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership announces a new monthly series of events: the Square Fair! Every fourth Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, now through September, the Partnership will host local artists and makers in Dog Lane. A variety of artwork and crafts will be available for sale, including pottery, watercolors, oil paintings, jewelry, and hand-crafted soaps and lotions. The line-up of artists and makers varies from month to month, so there's always something new to see! Meet your friends for dinner or drinks, then browse the booths for unique art and gifts! Square Fair is free and open to the public. Rain cancels the event.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is now open for its 20th season. The Market is open every Saturday from May through Thanksgiving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just 12 miles! Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, June 10, 2014, 12:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting, June 11, 2014, 6:00 PM, Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia
- Zoning Board of Appeals, June 11, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, June 12, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education June 12, 2014, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, June 13, 2014, 8:10 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, June 16, 2014, 4:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Commission, June 16, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, June 18, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, June 23, 2014, 7:30PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*